

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, October 24, 2002

### SENATE

*Senate met at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:31 a.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Monday, October 28, 2002.*

### HOUSE

#### Bills Introduced:

**H.R. 5700.** A bill to *amend titles 5 and 37, United States Code*, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to authorize the payment of certain travel expenses for Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and members of the Foreign Service involved in disasters or other catastrophic events, as well as the travel of their family representatives and agency representatives; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Morella

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**H.R. 5701.** *A bill to foster local collaborations which will ensure that resources are effectively and efficiently used within the criminal and juvenile justice systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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**H. Con. Res. 514.** Concurrent resolution *concerning expedited security determinations* relating to nonimmigrant visa requests for certain artists and entertainers from countries that are state sponsors of international terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

McCarthy

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#### Reports Filed:

**Reports were filed today.**

**Making Federal Computers Secure:** Overseeing Effective Information Security Management (House Report 107-764);

**The Federal Government's Continuing Efforts to Improve Financial Management** (House Report 107-765).

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#### Remark:

**The Mentally Ill Offender Treatment And Crime Reduction Act Of 2002. (H.R. 5701)**

*"...The Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2002 is phase two of the mental health courts demonstration program and represents a significant commitment to solving the problems caused by the significant proportion of individuals in our criminal justice system who are struggling with mental illness. A main goal of this legislation is to facilitate the necessary collaboration across all levels of government and among all relevant agencies so that the mentally ill receive proper treatment. The bill will create a new competitive grants program in the Department of Justice. [ ] The bill also calls for an Interagency Task Force to be established at the Federal level. Task Force members will include: the Attorney General, the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, Veterans Affairs, and Housing and Urban Development; and the Commissioner of Social Security. The Task Force will be charged with identifying ways that Federal departments can respond in a coordinated way to the needs of mentally ill adults and juveniles..."*

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 10:30 a.m., October 28, 2002.\*\***

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 11:00 a.m., October 28, 2002.\*\***

***\*\*Both House and Senate will meet in pro forma session on this date.***

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